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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 EDMUND OKOLIE,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 CITY OF SEATTLE, *et al.*

12 Defendants.

Case No. C17-1531RSM

MINUTE ORDER STRIKING MOTION  
FOR LEAVE TO AMEND THE  
COMPLAINT

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14 The following MINUTE ORDER is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable  
15 Ricardo S. Martinez, Chief United States District Judge:

16 On March 30, 2018, *pro se* Plaintiff filed a Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint  
17 (Dkt. #19). Plaintiff is commended for seeking leave to amend his Complaint in accordance with  
18 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure Rule 15(a)(2). However, Plaintiff's motion did not comply  
19 with Local Rule 15, requiring that Plaintiff "attach a copy of the proposed amended" complaint  
20 as an exhibit. Local Rule 15 provides, in full:  
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22 A party who moves for leave to amend a pleading, or who seeks to amend a  
23 pleading by stipulation and order, must attach a copy of the proposed amended  
24 pleading as an exhibit to the motion or stipulation. The party must indicate on the  
25 proposed amended pleading how it differs from the pleading that it amends by  
26 bracketing or striking through the text to be deleted and underlining or  
27 highlighting the text to be added. The proposed amended pleading must not  
incorporate by reference any part of the preceding pleading, including exhibits. If  
a motion or stipulation for leave to amend is granted, the party whose pleading  
was amended must file and serve the amended pleading on all parties within

1           fourteen (14) days of the filing of the order granting leave to amend, unless the  
2           court orders otherwise.

3           Local Rule W.D, Wash. LCR 15.

4           Plaintiff was previously alerted to the need to attach an amended complaint to a motion  
5           for leave to amend. *Okolie v. City of Seattle*, No. C15-1258RAJ, Dkt. #35 at 2. (W.D. Wash.  
6           Nov. 22, 2016). At that time, Judge Jones noted the need to “treat pro se litigants with great  
7           leniency when evaluating compliance with the technical rules of civil procedure” but that pro se  
8           parties are still expected to follow the rules. *Id.* at 3. Judge Jones directed “Plaintiff to familiarize  
9           himself with the local rules of this Court and those of Federal Civil Procedure” and pointed  
10          Plaintiff toward resources on the Court’s website. *Id.* at 4.

11          The Court’s requirement that a party seeking to amend its pleadings include a copy  
12          “indicat[ing] . . . how it differs from the pleading that it amends by bracketing or striking through  
13          the text to be deleted and underlining or highlighting the text to be added” may seem overly  
14          technical. However, the parties and the Court need to understand how the amended pleading will  
15          be altered in order to respond and consider the request. This results in clarity as to the substance  
16          of the amended pleading that the moving party seeks to file. Plaintiff’s motion is unclear as to  
17          whether it is adding, altering, or replacing claims and factual allegations.  
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19          Nothing in this Order prevents Plaintiff from refiling a motion for leave to amend his  
20          complaint with the proper supporting documents in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil  
21          Procedure, the Local Rules of the Western District of Washington, and the prior orders of this  
22          Court. Plaintiff is reminded of the Court’s June 1, 2018 deadline for joining additional parties or  
23          amending the pleadings.  
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25          Accordingly, Plaintiff’s Motion for Leave to Amend the Complaint is STRICKEN.  
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1 The Court directs the Clerk to mail a copy of this Minute Order to Plaintiff at 435 Martin  
2 Luther King Jr. Way South, Seattle, WA 98144.

3 Dated this 3 day of April, 2018.

4 WILLIAM McCOOL, Clerk

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6 By: /s/ Paula McNabb  
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